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Ordinary Heroes



Where is the line between being ordinary
and being a hero?



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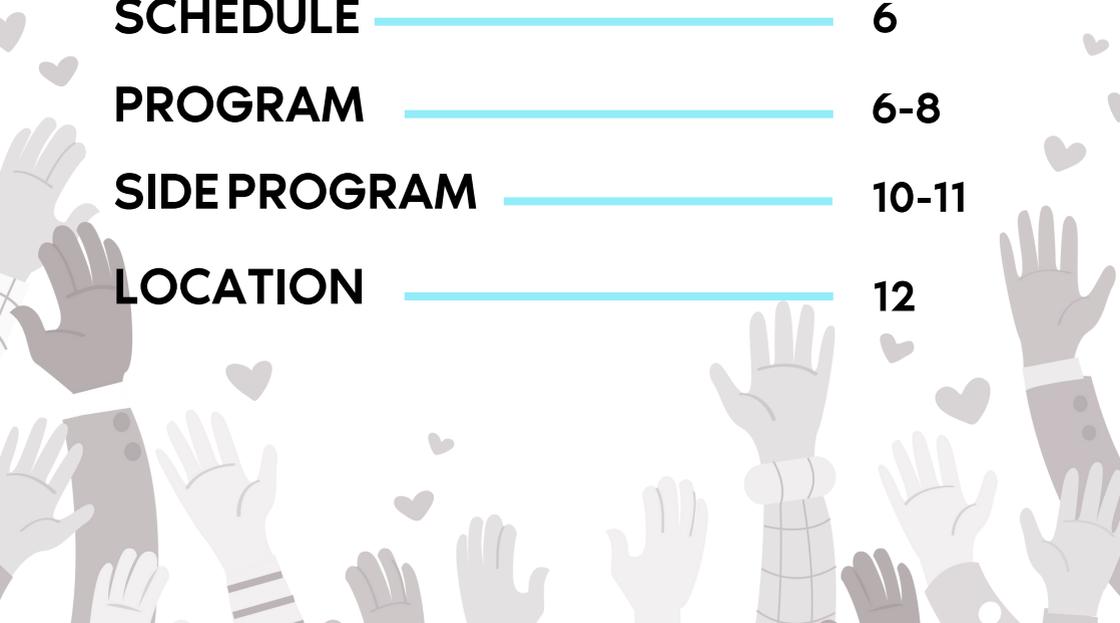
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THE TOPIC

What does it mean to be a hero? From a very young age, we are given the image that heroes have superhuman abilities and constantly save the world with their incredible deeds. But is that really all it means? Isn't there more to it? Where is the line between being ordinary and being a hero?

This year, the "Kurzfilmfestival Kufstein" is exploring the cinematic vision of the concept of 'Ordinary Heroes'. The program aims to highlight stories of people who don't make the news. People who are not famous and admired by millions yet deserve to be praised for their selfless, strong, and kind actions that bring about miracles in their own lives or in the lives of others. At its core, the program addresses questions such as: How and in how many ways can we be heroes? How do we align our thoughts and feelings with our actions? What triggers the will for change, for a heroic step?





ORDINARY HEROES

Tensions, wars, and everyday conflicts provoke a pessimistic view on humans. We want to remind people that against this reality, there is another one. We want to remind people that this is not the whole story. That there is still a lot of good in this world.

We want to inspire our audience. To have their faith in humanity strengthened and become even more involved in creating good. In order to do that, we were looking for short films that explore the concept of 'ordinary heroes' from different perspectives. Films in which the ordinary can be seen as extraordinary. Unique stories that engage, foster discussion, and capture the essence of the human spirit. Stories of people who stood up, reflected on their weaknesses, and found the strength to persevere. People, who decided to change the rules of their life.

So where is the line between being ordinary and being a hero?

The 2022 team



THE AWARDS

This year, we have managed to bring together three amazing experts working in the film industry to find the best short film, representing the topic of "Ordinary Heroes".

Critically examining the message and artistic excellence of each short film, the jury will award the Raiffeisenbank Jury Award and the 300 euros prize money honouring one of the eight amazing filmmakers.



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While we want this evening to impress not only the jury but to motivate and inspire the audience, the spectators will themselves decide on their winning film of the evening to award the Audience Award along with the 200 euros prize money.



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THE JURY

Lisa Luginger is not only a creative director, but also an author. She wrote her first newspaper article at the age of 15, went on her first film shoot at 18, worked on her first screenplay at 21 and was voted one of Germany's top media producers in her mid-20s. Today she is happily at home in Tyrol, works for local and international clients, mainly in the food and culinary industry - writing scripts, shooting commercials, creating campaigns - for her own "ordinary heroes".



Lisa Luginger



Tereza Kotyk

With a background in Arts, Tereza Kotyk worked internationally as a curator for contemporary arts, while making shorts movies and taking acting classes. Since 2013, she is the director of the biennial Innsbruck International. Her first feature "Home is Here" had its world premiere at PÖFF in Tallinn 2016. Her following script "FAITH" - A Fair Balance of Pain was selected for the first edition of The Writer's Lab Europe in 2022. She is just preparing her next feature, "The House of Meadows", produced by Plan C Filmproduktion and axman productions, to be shot in 2023.

Being born in Innsbruck in 1987, the Tyrolean filmmaker and director Emanuel Bachnetzer completed his acting training at the Humiste Theatre Forum in 2003 and fascinated audiences in Tyrolean Theatres for 13 years. He founded his own film production company "Sandhill Pictures" in 2008 and only one year later, his first production premiered in the cinema. This success was followed by many commissioned works for companies, museums and his first completely self-produced TV documentary broadcast on ORF.



Emanuel Bachnetzer

“Making films according to your own heart.

That's what people want to see and feel.”

SCHEDULE

All films in OV with English subtitles

PART 1

Lilia at the bar (18min)

THE WINNER (15min)

Main guest: Zsolt Keresztes (talk)

I won't remain alone (15min)

BREAK

PART 2

The Recess (12min)

A Little Someone (7min)

UNDER THE SAME SKY (14min)

DepArt (6min)

Mneme Reminiscence (5min)

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PROGRAM

Introduction

Since its successful premiere in 2018, the Kurzfilmfestival Kufstein (Short Film Festival Kufstein) offers a must-attend event in and around the region of Tyrol. Being conceptualized under a different theme each year, the festival reflects the great creativity, curiosity, aspirations, and internationality of its evolving teams. This year, under the theme of "Ordinary Heroes", the diversity of films submitted to the festival was impressive: 84 countries around the world participated. The 8 films selected are from a wide range of genres, each conveying a meaningful, important message.

The filmmakers wanted to give a voice to ordinary people and highlight stories that are meaningful and important to hear about today's society. People whose pure-heart of love, and soul spirit serve humanity. Stories that penetrate all the way to our hearts, and begin to live in our souls.

Thank you to all participating filmmakers.

We hope that this evening will be an inspiration for everyone who attends the event.

PROGRAM

Lilia, a young woman in her twenties, joins her friend in a night out. In cheerful company, the evening unfolds in a good atmosphere until Lilia's mood darkens. The events of the near past disturb her once more. However, this time she doesn't hold her hurting feelings inside and shares a horrifying experience which has been troubling her ever since.

France, colour, 18 min, OV (French), English subtitles.
Director: Pablo Bodin



Lilia at the bar



THE WINNER

Vahid's new bike which his dad bought for him so he could enter a local race is resembling his schoolmates' bike that has been recently stolen. Confused and conflicted, Vahid ultimately decides to do what he considers to be the right thing, only later he finds out that the whole situation is very different from what he thought.

Iran, colour, 15 min, OV (Persian), English subtitles.
Director: Ali Keyvan

This Iranian short film portrays a powerful true story of Seyed Jalal, a blind old man and his wife Bibi Soraya who battles with chronic nerve disease. As if life in poverty and sickness wasn't enough, one day they get devastating news about their son's brain death. What's more, Seyed now has to decide whether to donate his son's healthy body parts to help 16 other patients.

Iran, colour, 15 min, OV (Persian), English subtitles.
Director: Yaser Talebi



I won't remain alone



The Recess

Inspired by true events, The Recess explores gender oppression in Iranian society and the spirit to overcome it. The film follows the story of the 17-year-old Sahar who is determined to watch her favourite football team play for the league championship. Prohibited from attending sport events as a woman though, Sahar disguises herself as a boy and with the help of her friends attempt to go to the game anyway.

Spain, colour, 12 min, OV (Persian), English subtitles.
Director: Navid Nikkhah Azad

PROGRAM

Film **A Little Someone** portrays the contrast between the dreams and reality of millions of Indian child laborers through the story of the protagonist Chotu. Despite difficult life conditions, they remain hopeful and dare to dream about bright future. With this short film, the director hopes to raise awareness for this pressing topic which to this day remains to be largely ignored.

India, colour, 7 min, OV (Telugu), English subtitles.
Director: Ramya Ankilla



A Little Someone



UNDER THE SAME SKY

This short documentary film is full of inspiring, thought-provoking stories and confessions of women of different ages, cultures, and backgrounds. Although their life-stories differ, in essence they share many similarities. Mainly the presence of an enormous courage, strength to persevere and willingness to open up and share their experiences in hope of helping others.

USA, colour, 14 min, OV (Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Modern Greek, Mongolian, Panjabi), English subtitles.
Director: Alison Chace

DepArt tackles the topic of oppression through the struggle of a painter robot LEN-I who is trying to maintain his artistic freedom and expression. In a place where creativity is illegal though, this seems like an impossible and dangerous path to take and ultimately leads LEN-I to his inevitable fate. However, LEN-I refuses to give in and makes a final act of defiance to keep his integrity.

UK, 6 min, OV (English), English subtitles.
Director: Nathaniel Jacob Bastow



DepArt



Mneme_Reminscence

Inspired by the director's grandmother, this short film offers an unusual insight into a day in the life of an elderly woman in which presence and memories blur into one, nonlinear flow. **Mneme_Reminscence** is a beautiful reminder of importance of memories, especially those shared with our loved ones.

Italy, 5 min, OV (Italian), English subtitles.
Director: Lavinia Tommasoli



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SIDE PROGRAM

This year again we have the chance to share our theme with several major players.

The wall of Heroes

In collaboration with the International School Kufstein Tirol, we are able to exhibit 80 children's drawings representing their vision of ordinary heroes. Role models, and leaders have potential to serve both enhancing and moral modeling functions. We think that enabling kids to think about their heroes can inspire them, and motivate them to be heroic themselves.



Our main guest



“Being adaptive taught me to conquer my excuses.”

The Kurzfilmfestival will have the great honor to welcome Zsolt Keresztes, a para athlete, who will give us the pleasure to share his life experience. Zsolt is the proof, that any obstacle can be overcome by a real ordinary hero.

what's your excuse?

SIDE PROGRAM

NGOs

Volunteers and associations are part of what we consider "Ordinary Heroes". During the festival you will get the opportunity to meet two representatives of "Viva con Agua" & "Foodsharing". Meet them and ask all your questions on November 24th in Kultur Quartier!

"Water for all - all for water!"

Viva con Agua advocates for access to clean drinking water, sanitation and hygiene. To achieve this, they rely on positive activism and use the universal languages of music, sports and art. Their projects with local and international partner organizations have reached over 3 million people in countries such as Malawi, Uganda and South Africa. The newly formed crew in Kufstein will be active at events and concerts, where people can donate their cup deposit to the work of Viva con Agua Austria.

vivaconagua.at



"Saving food together!"

The Foodsharing organization aims to find local solutions to the global problem of food waste. They work to raise awareness for the non-material value of our food, and to create impulses on a social as well as a political level. In practical terms, one of their activities is to save food. Volunteers pick up left-over food from supermarkets, bakeries or market stalls and distribute it. Everyone can register online for free to support Kufstein or plenty of other German and Austrian cities in avoiding food waste.

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LOCATION

For this fifth edition, the Kurzfilmfestival Kufstein will have the chance to be hosted in the ultimate cultural symbol of Kufstein, "the Kultur Quartier". The unique atmosphere of the Theatre will guarantee an unforgettable event.



Did you know that cultural life has a long tradition in the city of Kufstein? 30'000 years, to be exact... For all this time, culture has therefore had a huge place in the city, and the Kultur Quartier reflects this passion. Considered as the top event location in Kufstein, it has the capacity to host all sort of events thanks to the different rooms it provides. The Kurzfilmfestival will take place in the classic theater. Opened in September 2017, it features 175 upholstered seats, perfectly arranged in order not to miss any detail of the movies!



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